

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of: ) Art Unit: 2137  
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Appln. No.: 09/771,967 ) Washington, D.C.  
Filed: January 30, 2001 ) Confirmation No. 2638  
For: METHOD OF EXECUTING A ) May 2, 2013  
CRYPTOGRAPHIC PROTOCOL )  
BETWEEN TWO ELECTRONIC )

**AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2012, the period for response having been extended from March 5, 2013, until May 6, 2013 (May 5, being a Sunday), by the concurrent filing of a request for two month extension of time and payment of the appropriate fee, please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.